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SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S REMARKS ON USG ANGOLA POLICY

1. AT GENSCHER'S REQUEST, KINKEL CALLED THE AMBASSADOR TO SAY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS VERY ANXIOUS THAT DISTORTED REPORTS OF HIS REMARKS ON THE TV PROGRAM "BONNER PERSPEKTIVEN" ON MARCH 7 ABOUT US-ANGOLA POLICY BE CORRECTED. KINKEL SAID PRESS REPORTS PORTRAYED GENSCHER'S REMARKS AS BEING CRITICAL OF THE US EXECUTIVE WHEREAS HIS INTENTION HAD BEEN TO CRITICIZE CONGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE EXECUTIVE.

2. GENSCHER SENT US A COPY OF THE TEXT OF HIS REMARKS WHICH HE ADMITTED WERE NOT 100 PERCENT CLEAR. HE DID, HOWEVER, WANT US TO KNOW WHAT HE HAD INTENDED TO SAY AND HE WANTED THIS BROUGHT TO THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AP STORIES IN FAZ AND THE "SUED DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG", THE GERMAN PRESS HAS NOT PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO GENSCHER'S REMARKS. SINCE AP HAS CARRIED THE STORY, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT WELL APPEAR IN THE

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US PRESS.

4. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF GENSCHER'S REMARKS: BEGIN TEXT:  
"I BELIEVE THAT OUR INTERESTS IN AFRICA ARE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF AFRICAN STATES WHICH SEEK TO MAINTAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE. WE DO NOT WANT TO EXPORT OUR SOCIAL SYSTEM AND OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BUT WE DO WANT TO ASSIST THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE RESISTING FORCES ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS UPON THEM. IN THIS CONTEXT, AND IN CARRYING OUT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND EUROPE'S RESPONSIBILITIES, WE MAY NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT IN DEALINGS BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE UNITED STATES MAKE CLEAR THE LIMITS OF WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE ON THE PART OF THE SOVIET UNION WITH RESPECT TO DETENTE. THE SETTING OF THESE LIMITS IS INSEPARABLE FROM DETENTE POLICY. ONE CANNOT IGNORE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AFRICA BY ONLY FOCUSING ON EUROPE AND OTHER AREAS, AND IN THIS RESPECT, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE LIMITS HAD BEEN MORE CLEARLY DRAWN IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS AT AN EARLIER TIME, I.E., BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

5. ... "THE IMPORTANCE FOR EUROPE OF THE EVENTS IN AFRICA HAS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF PUBLIC OPINION. I THINK THAT IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THIS AWARENESS BE MADE STRONGER IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS SINCE WE MUST, OF COURSE, BE INTERESTED IN THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S REMAINING CAPABLE OF TAKING ACTION ON SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES EVEN DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. WE HAVE ALL OBSERVED THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THE ANGOLA QUESTION AND, INCIDENTALLY, ALSO IN THE AREA OF MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. FOR THAT REASON, IT MUST BE THE GOAL OF ALL EUROPEAN STATES IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO POINT OUT THE NECESSITY OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S REMAINING CAPABLE OF ACTION EVEN IN AN ELECTION YEAR." END TEXT.

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